

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 and 46-49 have been canceled. Claims 50-71 have been added. Claims 38-45 and 50-71 are presently pending.

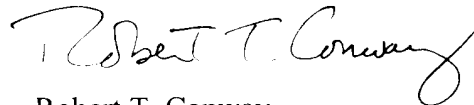
The claims of Group III (Claims 41-45) drawn to a fluid filtering device are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

The Examiner requested clarification regarding in which group Claims 38-40 should be placed. Claims 38-40 do not include a centrifuge and should be included in Group III.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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